

on the sidewalk until the police officer stops traffic and signals to the Patrol member to allow the children to cross.

6. OPERATION AT AN INTERSECTION WITH TRAFFIC SIGNAL

At an intersection with a traffic signal, operation is as follows: The Patrol member is in the standard position, one step back from the curb. If children approach when the light is red, the Patrol member stops them behind his outstretched arms.

When the light turns green in the direction the children are to cross, the Patrol member makes certain that all approaching cars are stopping for their red light. When he is sure that traffic, especially turning cars, does not constitute a hazard, the Patrol member cautions the children to WATCH FOR TURNING CARS and, following the usual procedure, steps aside to permit the children to pass.

Before the red signal comes back on, the Patrol member returns to his normal position, cutting off stragglers. He does this to prevent children being caught in the middle of the street when the light changes. The Patrol member must know the length of time the green is on and be able to estimate the correct moment to stop the flow of child pedestrians. To illustrate to the Patrol member how this can be done, work out with him the following information concerning his crossing. Children walk approximately 4 feet per second. Thus, if his street is 40 feet wide, it would take 10 seconds to cross. If the green period of the signal is 30 seconds, the Patrol member would count off 20 seconds and then stop further crossing until the light completes the cycle and turns green again. Have him try this for four or five days, until he becomes adept at estimating the instant when the child pedestrian flow should be stopped.

It will be noted that the Patrol member does NOT start the children the moment the light turns green, but waits until he is certain that approaching cars will stop on their red signal and that turning vehicles will not constitute a hazard.

7. RURAL SAFETY PATROLS

In rural sections where the children walk to school along the highway, the *Standard Rules for the Operation of School Safety Patrol* should be followed. Where the school is located on a dangerous highway, Patrol members should be on duty at selected locations to caution pupils to cross only when oncoming traffic